

LOFMARK

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 6, and continuing to page 2, line 18, as follows:*

B1 [ ] In order to obtain optimal transmission properties and to avoid echo, it is desirable that the nominal impedance of the splitter filter ~~is~~ be similar to the transmission line impedance or to the impedance resulting from a combination of the transmission line impedance and a terminating impedance in the remote end of the transmission line. The impedance of a transmission line is complex, whereas the terminating impedance may be either complex or resistive. The expression "transmission line impedance" used hereinafter includes both cases where precisely the impedance of the transmission line is meant and when the combination of the transmission line impedance and the terminating impedance is meant.

*Please rewrite the caption on page 3, line 27, as follows:*

B2 [1] BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION